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<b>REQUEST For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>		Application Number: 09/660,948
Address to:		Filing Date: September 13, 2000
<b>BOX RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231</b> (Revised 10/2001)		First Named Inventor: Fehring
		Art Unit: 1742
		Examiner Name: A. Wessman
		Attorney Docket No.: 038881/202803 (8881-1A)

This is a **Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application**. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

#### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendments/Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered.)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavits/Declarations: Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with Exhibit A.
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); \_\_\_\_ cites listed on PTO Form 1449
  - iv.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other: Request for Extension of Time.

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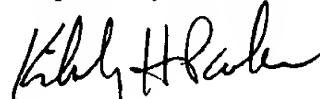
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3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$740.00 – large entity; \$370.00 – small entity)
  - ii.  Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
(\$110.00 – one month)
  - iii.  Other:
- b.  Check in the amount of \$850.00 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: BOX RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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